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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION GENEVA DECEMBER 18TH

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TAGS: ILO, AORG, PFOR, FR
SUBJECT: ILO - APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL: VIEWS
AND POSITIONS OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
FRANCIS BLANCHARD (FRANCE)

1. BLANCHARD VISITED WASHINGTON OCTOBER 29, 1973, AND GAVE DEPARTMENT AN ORAL DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN COURSES OF ACTION HE WOULD FOLLOW IF HE WERE APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL. WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ILO HAVE REVIEWED BLANCHARD'S STATEMENT, AND WISH TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON POINTS THAT ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE US.

2. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY LABOR ATTACHE, SHOULD CALL ON BLANCHARD ASAP AND DISCUSS POINTS CITED BELOW. YOU SHOULD OPEN BY STATING THAT THE US HAS NOT RPT NOT MADE A DECISION ON WHOM TO SUPPORT FOR OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUT AS PART OF ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE CANDIDATES, WISHES TO
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VERIFY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MAKE

ON OCTOBER 29 WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS:

- A. HE WOULD WELCOME AN AMERICAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL TO TAKE CHARGE OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, AND WOULD CONSULT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BEFORE MAKING THE APPOINTMENT.
 - B. HE WOULD REINFORCE ILO ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH TRIPARTITISM, AND IN THIS CONNECTION WOULD UNDERTAKE TO STIMULATE THE CREATION OF FREE WORKER AND FREE EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY DO NOT EXIST, AND STRENGTHEN THEM WHERE THEY ARE WEAK. BY "FREE" WE MEAN NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT DIRECTION.
 - C. HE WOULD SET PROGRAM PRIORITIES, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO ELIMINATE OBSOLETE PROGRAMS, AND REDUCE THE SCALE OF LOW PRIORITY PROGRAMS THAT, ALTHOUGH VALUABLE IN SOME DEGREE, ARE BEING FUNDED AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN PRESENT NEEDS JUSTIFY.
 - D. HE WOULD ENGAGE IN MORE EXTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, NOT JUST THE OFFICERS. SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER NOT ONLY PROGRAM, BUT MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE IN THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE ILO, AND WOULD START IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING AND CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE DECISION-MAKING PERIOD.
 - E. HE WOULD GIVE PROGRAM AND BUDGET MORE ATTENTION DURING DISCUSSIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE, AND HE WOULD LEND THE WEIGHT OF HIS OFFICE TO REDUCING IRRELEVANT POLITICAL DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE.
 - F. HE WOULD LEND THE WEIGHT OF HIS OFFICE TO COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD UNDER WHICH THE USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES HAVE BEEN EXEMPTED FROM SCRUTINY BY THE NORMAL ILO MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH QUESTIONS OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION,
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DISCRIMINATION, AND OTHER CONTRAVENTIONS OF ILO CONVENTIONS.

- 3. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON BLANCHARD'S RESPONSES ASAP. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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